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Paul says entire Cox Report must be examined *Long-alleged espionage charges very troubling, aid to China must stop*

WASHINGTON, DC -- With the pending public release of the so-called Cox Report, which is reported to outline charges of cover-up and administrative mismanagement regarding alleged Chinese espionage, US Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) said Congress has a constitutional obligation to act quickly on substantiated information. "The allegations are very troubling and must be taken seriously," said Rep. Paul. "I supported an Inquiry of Impeachment against the President long before the Lewinski scandal precisely because of these allegations of Chinese spying and meddling in US elections." Rep. Paul said the House of Representatives should not delay investigations into the allegations. "I would rather see the complete report issued, rather than just the 70 percent which is slated to be released on Tuesday. This could represent the greatest breach of national security ever, and the American people deserve all the details," said Rep. Paul. One action the Congressman said should be immediately taken is the complete cessation of all foreign aid to China, as well as forbidding the Export-Import Bank from using American tax dollars to assist China. China is the second-largest recipient of Export-Import Bank subsidies. "For far too long the American people have been forced to subsidize the communist Chinese, under the false guise of free trade. Free trade is allowing individuals to exchange goods and services, not forcing Americans to subsidize with their involuntary tax dollars a brutal regime that runs completely contrary to our system of government, and has apparently been working to actually subvert our laws and institutions." The "Cox Report," being issued by a special select committee of the House of Representatives chaired by US Rep. Christopher Cox (R-California), is to be released on Tuesday. The report is reported to cover illegal technology transfers, stealing of nuclear secrets and the illegal campaign contributions of the Chinese in the 1996 election.